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The U.S. Patent Application Publication disclosed in the attached listing (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0176827) came to Applicant's representative's attention because the Examiner cited it in an Office Action dated January 11, 2008, in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/428,801, to which this application is a continuation-in-part. Applicant's representatives discussed this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner on March 10, 2008, and the Examiner agreed to enter it

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